

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(e) as being unpatentable over Kuriyama (US5,838,302) in view of Cobbley (US6,501,464). Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to respectively include the limitations of claims 6 and 13 which have been cancelled. It is submitted that the claims as amended are patentable over Cobbley. The claims as amended read on the embodiment illustrated by Figs. 4, and 5 wherein drawing on the touch screen via stylus 51 may be alternated with text entries via transparent keyboard 50 whereby one of the two functions is inactivated while the other is active.

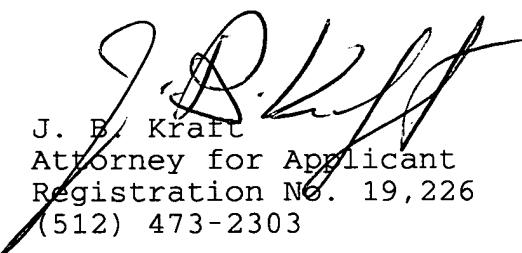
Neither Kuriyama nor Cobbley disclose such automatic switching from the Keyboard state to the cursive drawing state and visa versa dependent upon whether the user strikes a key or inputs a cursive drawing entry. At best, Kuriyama teaches a non-automatic switch 31, Fig.3, to switch from keyboard to cursive and back.

The graphics which Cobbley appears to be overlaying with his keyboard is the conventional graphics which the graphical user interface application vendor puts into the interface, e.g. the graphics of the operating system, and not what a user may be entering via a stylus. Thus, there is no suggestion in Cobbley of selectively alternating the transparent keyboard with some form of touch drawing wherein one or the other is selectively enabled, and certainly no automatic enabling as defined in the claims .

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, 12 and 14 as amended are now allowable, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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